औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने भी इतनी ही राशि दी है ।

(ग) पिछले वर्ष 721 भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (आर पी. एफ) में पुनर्नियुक्त किया।

**Participation in celebration in Ethiopia**

2801. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India have participated in celebrations in Ethiopia on the occasion of establishment of Peoples Democratic Republic on September 13, 1987; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) India was represented by our Ambassador in Addis Ababa in the celebrations in Ethiopia on the occasion of the establishment of the Peoples Democratic Republic on September 13 1987. The Foreign Minister of Ethiopia visited India in November 1987 to explain to Government the significance of the new state structure in that country.

**Neglect of Ancillary Industry by Defence Industrial Units in M.P.**

2802. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various industrial units, established by the Ministry of Defence in Madhya Pradesh, are not taking edequate interest for promoting their ancillary units;

(b) whether any instructions were issued by the Ministry of Defence in July, 1979 in this regard;

(c) whether the progress of compliance of these instructions has been monitored from time to time; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur and Ordnance Factory, Katni have particularly not shown any interest in this context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) It is not a fact that adequate interest is not taken by Ordnance Factories in Madhya Pradesh for promoting ancillary units.

(b) Some instructions were issued in October 1978 and April 1979 for developing ancillary industries in and around Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The nature of items which could be procured from civil trade for use in manufacture of armament and ammunition and their components do not easily lend themselves to production in ancillary units wherein by definition investment in plant and machinery is not to exceed Rs. 45 lakhs. Therefore, the scope for developing ancillary units is limited.

**Petitions received in the PM's Office**

2803 DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received in Prime Minister's Office from the public from January till October, 1987;

(b) the number of petitions disposed of and the number of petitions still pending; and

(c) by when the pending petitions will be disposed off?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI):

(a) and (b) Prime Minister's office received a total of 4,45,208 communications during the period January 1987 to October 1987. Of these, 2,42,936 cases were referred to the concerned authorities for taking appropriate action The remaining cases did not merit any action.

(c) Does not arise.